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HAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

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Mr.Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year 1942.This report is prepared on the lines indicated in Circular 2605 (Wales) and is again therefore very restricted. The opportunity is taken,however,of dealing briefly with subjects in which the public have shown special interest during the year.

Infectious Disease.

The following cases of infectious disease were notified to me during the year.

Erysipelas.....3 cases.
Scarlet Fever.....16 cases.

There was a small epidemic of scarlet fever in the months of September and October which accounted for 13 of the above cases. The cases were all very mild in character and this fact did not help in bringing the epidemic to an earlier finish.
As in previous years the cases were admitted to your isolation Hospital.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year under review monthly clinics were commenced for the purpose of immunising children against diphtheria.The response has been satisfactory and as a result a recent survey showed that 95.5% of the school children had been immunised The response in the under five group has also been good and it is to be hoped that the response will continue to remain good so that the present high immunising rate may be maintained.

Scabies. A few cases of scabies came to my notice during the year. The cases occurring in evacuee children were admitted to the Sick Bay at Sennybridge while the non-evacuee cases were treated by the County Health Visitor.

Tuberculosis.

The following details show the position as regards tuberculosis in the district.

Number of cases on register at the commencement of year....8.
Number of fresh notifications during the year.....2.
Number of deaths during the year.....1.
Number of cases on register at end of the year.....9.

Notifications in recent years.....1939..0,1940..2,1941..4,
1942..2.

Venereal Disease.

The Breconshire County Council has an agreement with the General and Eye Hospital,Swansea,for the treatment of these cases.

No exceptional administrative measure was recommended by me during the year.

I am,Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
T.C.R.GEORGE.
Medical Officer of Health.